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## Staggered Vehicle Reg. Starts Feb. 1

Registrar Richard E. McLaughlin said today that under the new staggered registration system which will become operative on Feb. 1, 1969 only passenger vehicles which are being registered for the 1st time will be affected this year. The effective reg period will be extended to cover more than 23 months but not more than 24 months after the date of reg. and the fee will be double the annual fee now in effect. (\$6 to \$12, \$8 to \$16, etc.)

Most owners, therefore, will not be affected by the staggered system until the Fall of 1969 when they will be renewing their current 1969 registrations for the year 1970.

"The key to the staggering system is the last Arabic numeral on the reg plate which corresponds with the month of the year unless the last letter is 'X' or 'Y'. For example, plates issued to new registrants which bear the last digit '1' will expire on the last day of January; plates which bear the last digit '2' will expire on the last day of February, etc. Plates that have as the last letter 'X' will expire the last day of November and plates that have the last letter 'Y' will expire the last day of December.

"This will allow the Registry to achieve a more efficient, smooth flow of business at all Reg. offices because reg will then expire in various months of the year rather than all at the same time at the end of the year. Two oblong plate decals indicating the expir date of the reg. will be issued—one to be placed on the upper right corner of each plate.

"This change will be welcomed by applicants who have, at one time or another, had to wait in long lines during the holiday season, and by insurance companies who are deluged with last-minute applications during the closing days of the year.

"The Registry will be in better position to serve the motoring public more quickly when the peak period is eliminated and the business spread throughout a 12-month period just as the license renewal on a person's birthday has eliminated the pressure of the end-of-the-year bottleneck in that procedure," Registrar McLaughlin said.

Various types of REg will not be staggered. These include commercial vehicles, special purpose series, gov. vehicles, plates with special designations identifying the vehicle or driver, and vanity plates. These will remain on a calendar year basis as at present.

## MIN. WAGE CHANGES GO IN EFFECT

Employers in N.E. were reminded today of the changes in the Fair Labor Standards Act effective Feb. 1. Beginning Feb. 1, employees whose work was brought under the Act's coverage by the 1966 Amendments will be entitled to a min. wage of at least \$1.30 an hour, instead of the present rate of \$1.15. The maximum work week, after which they must be paid at the rate of 1½ times their regular rates of pay, will become 40 hours a week for non-farm employees, replacing the current 42-hour workweek. Overtime provisions do not apply to covered farm hands. Employees whose work was covered by the Act prior to the 1966 amendments continue to be subject to a min. wage of \$1.60 an hour and overtime pay after 40 hours a week.

All news copy must be brought or mailed to 435 River Rd. There is no pick-up of news at police station or anywhere else.



## Will Hickel Act to Protect Our Vanishing Wildlife?

When explorers first came to North America they found a wilderness community of great size and diversity that stretched across a continent. Wild animals existed in staggering profusion and variety. But today much of the wild life is in danger of being wiped out forever.

In a few brief centuries man has torn apart the fabric of this country—hacked down the forests, plowed up the long-grass prairie, filled in or drained the swamps, dug into and blasted away at the mountains, polluted the streams, and brought water to change the desert.

Already the official label "extinct" has been applied to nearly 50 species of American wildlife. These range from the great auk and passenger pigeon—notorious examples of how the mindless slaughter by early explorers and settlers erased once-abundant creatures—to several of the hoofed mammals whose western relatives just managed to survive the wholesale killing. Eastern races of elk and bison, for example, once ranged all along the Atlantic coast.

Over the past four years some first steps have been taken in official recognition of the urgency of protecting wilderness and endangered species—primarily the Wilderness Act of 1964 and the Endangered Species Preservation Act of 1966. Under the latter the Secretary of the Interior has the authority to make official designations of endangered species.

But it is up to Congress and conservationists, both government and private groups, to accelerate the legal action necessary to extend protection to the remaining undesignated wilderness areas that shelter wildlife.

This will not be easy. While these laws and a heightened public awareness have slowed the destruction of wild areas, the process of insuring their preservation under the Wilderness Act will be slow. Over a ten-year period, government lands will be surveyed to determine additional areas worthy of the wilderness designation. However, authorization must be preceded by public hearings, and it requires Congressional approval. Nor does the Act automatically protect the lands from intrusions by mining and grazing interests. And it does not cover privately owned property.

Under the 1966 Act an initial list of 78 endangered species has been published, including 14 mammals, 36 birds, 6 reptiles and amphibians, and 22 fish. (See next page.)

Today, the most publicized and carefully counted of the endangered species is the whooping crane, a large, graceful white bird of which there are some 30 in the wild and 19 in captivity. The crane's prairie habitat is long since gone, and its winter refuge area and breeding grounds are confined to a tiny coastal prairie in Texas. As the birds migrate each year from summer quarters in a remote part of Canada, they are carefully counted and guarded by conservationists. Their future is indeed doubtful, since breeding them in captivity has proved difficult. Even if, as is proposed, several more 5,000-acre preserves are acquired, it may be too late.

Time probably has run out, too, for our largest land bird, the California condor. This vulture-like brown bird with a nine-foot wingspread once ranged all across the Far West from Oregon to Baja California. Now the surviving condors have retreated to a few mountainous parts of California, their numbers reduced to near 40. They are further periled by their low breeding rate—only one egg every other year—and the fact that they range widely for food. This makes them a tempting target for hunters. Five condors have been killed or injured in recent years. At the present time most of their nesting sites are in national forest areas, and stiff laws against shooting them have been enacted.

Probably the rarest small mammal in all of North America is the black-footed ferret. A large weasel with black feet and face mask, it once ranged the plains and foothills from Canada to Arizona. Apparently it never existed in large numbers, and the widespread destruction of prairie dogs, its main food, has left it on the edge of extinction. Though they occasionally are sighted, no one knows how many survive.

The tiny and delicate Florida key deer, unlike its thriving white-tailed relative, is the victim of man's invasion. Occupation of the Florida keys, plus hunting and natural disasters, have reduced its numbers to only a few hundred. There are two other man-made hazards: death from automobiles and from eating cigarette butts thrown out along the highways. These animals may be saved by a three-way program of Federal acquisition of more land for them, continued strict protection from hunters, and breeding them in captivity.

Heavy poaching and destruction or deterioration of its water habitat has brought the American alligator to a low point. But prospects for its survival could be bright. It is now protected in every state and thrives in captivity. One conservationist has suggested that the alligator could be saved simply by outlawing the making of shoes, handbags, and other items out of its skin.

In this gloomy picture there is an occasional bright report. A recent highlight was the discovery, in Texas, of five to ten breeding pairs of ivory-billed woodpeckers—the first confirmed sighting of this rare bird since 1950. It was believed extinct, or nearly so, because the hardwood forest that yielded its insect diet was destroyed. Now, it seems, the bird may be adapting to the insect supply of the more plentiful slash-pine areas.

But the number of birds and animals able to adapt similarly must necessarily be small. And their real hope for survival is for man to adapt—to change from a destroyer to a protector—before it is too late. Otherwise, urbanized peoples will finally find themselves restricted to contact with the infinitely adaptable fauna that has followed man from place to place over the centuries—the house mouse, the Norway rat, the house sparrow, the starling, and the pigeon.

## Mumps Vaccine— Another Med Triumph

It is now official: mumps vaccine is here to stay, and mumps is due to go. You can take the word of the U.S. Public Health Service, which originally recommended the vaccine for limited use and has now extended the scope of its approval after more than a year of highly satisfactory performance by the immunizing agent.

The vaccine is now recommended for all susceptible children over the age of 1 year. "Susceptible" refers to all those who haven't already had the disease and acquired immunity thereby.

By Nov. 1968, the vaccine had been administered to more than a million persons and no significant side effects had been reported. More than 95% of those vaccinated have developed immunity equivalent to that which results from the actual disease. While it is too early to determine how long immunization can be counted on to last, some early recipients of the vaccine still show an undiminished number of protective organisms in their bloodstreams after more than 3 years.

Of course children aren't the only beneficiaries of mumps vaccine. While the disease is characteristically one of school-age youngsters, 15% of persons whom it attacks are past the age of puberty; some are adolescents or full-fledged adults. Among the 15% about 1/5 of males in the past have suffered damage to the reproductive organs. Mumps vaccination is therefore a must for all males at or past puberty who have not had the disease.

Your Christmas Seal organization, dedicated to general health improvement as well as to the fight against emphysema, tuberculosis and air pollution, suggests a query to the family physician about an appropriate time for mumps immunization.

## WMECo FILMS ON SPAIN

This month's issue of the Screen News Digest, distributed monthly by WMECo to more than 70 Jr. and Sr. H.S.s in W. Mass. examines "The Changing Face of Franco Spain."

In a comprehensive report on the man and the country, it tells of developments since the start of the Spanish Civil War in 1936, in which nearly a million men died. Russia supported the Loyalists. Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy were Franco's allies. The 3 year war ended with the capture of Madrid by Franco in 1939 and his establishment as dictator.

The film shows how the police state has hamstrung economic growth, though American aid begun in 1953 in return for air and naval bases, and admission to UN membership in 1955 have partially relieved the situation.

Now, looking to the day when the 76-year-old dictator dies or retires, the people have approved a Franco-drafted law of succession restoring the monarchy. Franco is said to favor Juan Carlos, grandson of Alfonso, last king of Spain.

The Screen News Digest, an award-winning ed motion picture series which presents "living history in the classroom," is made available to social studies classes in its service area by WMECo as a public service.

## AGAWAM JR WOMEN Fashion and Bridge

The theme for a dessert-bridge and fashion show to be presented by the Ag. Jr. Women's Club will be "Fashion Round The Clock". Club members will model fashions depicting a full day from morning coats through formal even. dress on Tues., Feb. 25 at the Ag. Jr. H.S. at 8:00 P.M.

Mrs. David C. Gallano, milliner, will follow the show of fashions with a brief discussion on hats and how, when and where to wear them.

Mrs. George R. Steven, chm. of the event will be assisted by Mrs. John A. Jury, Jr. and Mrs. Arthur E. Hastings, prizes; Mrs. James W. McNamee, tickets; Mrs. Ronald C. Balboni, talbe dec. Mrs. Richard G. Atkinson, general dec.; Mrs. Robert C. Castelli and Mrs. Jeremiah C. Quill, models; Mrs. Lawrence Pisano, Jr. refresh. and Mrs. Charles T. Marquis, pub.

Tickets may be purchased from Mrs. James W. McNamee or at the door. The public is invited to attend.

## 'HOW TO SUCCEED' - HS MUSICAL

Several new faces to be seen in leading roles for Agawam High production of the Broadway musical "How To Succeed In Business".

Denise Hawkins will take the lead role of Rosemary and although she has been heard in a number of solo performances with chorale programs this marks the first major role in the musicals.

James Gibson, also from the Chorale has a key role in the part of Frump and is one of very few sophomores to gain major roles in the musicals.

Seniors in major parts for the 1st time include: Kathy Ryer as Hedy, Christine Raschi as Miss Jones, Dennis Biagetti as Twimble, Donald Lederer as Womper, and George Bickford as Ovington.

Although this is quite a number of new performers, a number of key parts are covered by veterans from pash shows and included the lead male part of Finch, played by William Barker in his 4th appearance in a major role. Michael Connolly takes the part of Mr. Biggley in his 3rd major part; and John Scherpa plays Mr. Bratt in his 2nd lead. Other show veterans in supporting roles are Alan Edwards and David

Neill while Wayne LaRiviere moves from the orchestra pit to the stage in the part of Mr. Gatch, and Allison Fuller steps from the chorus in the part of Miss Krumholz.

Pianists for the musical include Carol Heyl, Marilyn McCobb, Frederick Kulas, Paula McLeod and Martha Heyl. Orchestra, stage chorus, pit chorus are in rehearsals also and the dance groups are again being prepared for their numbers by Dominique of the Dominique School of The Dance.

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# NIH RESEARCH FOR HEALTH

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## Muscles For Speech

We thrill at our children's first "mama" and "dada" and delight as they learn to communicate with us. Yet we think little of how sounds are made unless there is a problem.

In speech, many nerves and muscles must make the mouth parts work. Fortunately, most children learn to speak normally without special training, but many others, including those born with a cleft or opening in the roof of the mouth, require surgery and speech therapy before they can speak clearly.

The National Institute of Dental Research, with its interest in improving treatment for cleft palate patients conducts and supports speech studies. Poor speech is compared with normal articulation to assess the differences as a basis for corrective measures. The institute is a component of the National Institutes of Health.

At the Haskins Laboratories in New York City, which receives support from the NIDR, various instruments are used to measure the movements of tongue, jaw, and lips during speech, and a computer helps in finding interactions among the speech gestures. While a subject speaks, X-ray movies show the shape of the mouth cavity, another device measures air pressure within the mouth, and a light shining on the vocal cords shows how they open and close. At the same time speech sounds can be recorded and "pictured" or "mapped" in characteristic patterns on spectrograms.

With another technique, electromyography, scientists developed ways to measure the actions of specific muscles as

they help form specific sounds. Small electrodes, held by suction to a subject's lips, tongue, and palate determine the force of muscle contractions, and the temporal pattern of these contractions in the various muscles.

This method, which gets close to the source of speech production—the commands directed from the brain to the muscles—has helped determine how people normally differentiate otherwise similar sounds. Thus, the sounds /p/ and /b/ are both formed by closing the lips but the /b/ is voiced while the /p/ is voiceless, or spoken without vocal cord vibrations. Previously it was thought that differences in the tenseness or laxness of muscular contraction accounted for the distinction of the sounds. Research at Haskins has shown that this is not the important difference, but that variations in timing of movements at the lips and vocal cords determine whether we say /b/ or /p/. In a similar way, the contraction, or lack of contraction, of muscles that move the soft palate up against the back of the throat are principally responsible for the difference between /b/ and /m/—or for "nasal voice" if they fail to close this gap when closure is normally expected.

Thus, learning about normal speech helps in the next step, which is to find out how muscle contractions in poor speakers differ from those in clear speakers. This knowledge may point to ways of helping the cleft-palate child, and others with poor articulation, to speak clearly. Such a victory will be even more thrilling than watching a child develop speech normally.

## Nature's Ways

by Wayne Hanley  
Mass. Audubon Society

When it comes to contemplation, New England's winter woodpeckers have few peers among birds.

The woodpeckers we have in mind are the hairy and downy. There are, of course, occasional black-backed woodpeckers—more common in northern New Hampshire or Maine—that wander into southern New England. And, an occasional flicker winters on Cape Cod or in more sheltered areas of Rhode Island or Conn. But the general woodpeckers of New England winter are the white-backed woodpeckers with black-and-white wings.

The hairy woodpecker is little more than a giant, economy-sized version of the more common downy woodpecker. The ordinary hairy woodpecker gives the impression of being twice the size of a downy. There are inter-grades, however, in which the smallest hairy woodpeckers are not much larger than the largest downy woodpeckers. Even in these cases, the two species can be separated. The hairy woodpecker has a more typical woodpecker bill, the length of the bill appearing greater than the length of the head. The downy woodpecker has a stubby little bill, much shorter than the length of its head.

Both the hairy and downy woodpeckers have the habit of falling into a trance occasionally, in an attitude

that reminds one of deep concentration. Either of these woodpeckers may be chiseling away at a chunk of suet and suddenly stop, point its bill like the remainder of its body, parallel to the chunk of suet—and drop into a trance.

Either a downy or hairy woodpecker may remain motionless in the "trance position" for periods up to twenty minutes. The spell usually is broken by some other bird, such as a chickadee or nuthatch alighting on the suet and apparently awakening the woodpecker.

Both female and male woodpeckers drift off into the trances. One gets the impression that males do it more often, but it would take considerably more bookkeeping to prove the point. Distinguishing an adult male from a female in either species is rather easy, since the male wears a splotch of red on the back of its head.

Snowbirds take snow baths by splashing crystals into their breasts and dip their heads into the snow washing it over their shoulders to increase their insulation against cold winter nights.

## TAX TIPS by Mass. Soc. of CPAs

Did you goof in figuring your tax last year and end up paying the Gov't more than necessary?

Did you overlook the sick-pay exclusion you were entitled to? Did Aunt Hattie finally turn out to be a bona fide dependent, entitling you to a \$600 exemption which you didn't claim?

It's not too late to ask for a refund. Under the 3 year statute of limitations, you can file an amended return for any overpayment on the 1967 tax year, as well as for overpayments on the 1966 and 1965 tax years, according to Robert Boyer, CPA, pres. of the Mass. Soc. of CPAs.

Ask the Internal Revenue Service for Form 1040X. It's short and sweet, and even provides 3/4 of a page of blank space for explanation of the changes in income, deductions and credits for which a refund is claimed.

New on this year's return is the 10% surcharge which went into effect last April 1st. Since it was in effect for only 3/4 of the 1969 tax year, the actual surcharge rate is 7.5% additional on the tax normally due on or before April 15. Many taxpayers will probably find that their withholding was not enough to cover the additional surcharge, however, and will have to make an additional payment with their return.

Generally, married couples filing a joint return will pay a smaller tax than if they file separately because of the lower tax rate used in figuring the tax due. This isn't always true, however. If both husband and wife had approx. the same income and sold stock or other property which they owned jointly at a loss in 1968, they can deduct up to \$2,000 (\$1,000 each) as a capital loss from income by filing separate returns. On a joint return, the max capital loss allowable would be \$1,000 for them both.

In the event that either husband or wife had extraordinary medical expenses in 1968, it might also be to their advantage to file separate returns.

Widows and widowers with a dependent child or children are given a tax break which is sometimes overlooked. If the death occurred in 1968, the surviving spouse is entitled to file a joint return for the 1968 tax year. This not only results in a lower tax, but in the event the child or children remain dependents, entitles

the survivor to use the joint return tax table in figuring his tax for two additional years, in this instance for the 1969 and 1970 tax years.

Tests for determining dependency exemptions are tricky and frequently cause confusion to taxpayers.

According to the IRS, a dependent entitling you to a \$600 exemp. must meet the following req.:  
(a) receive more than 1/2 his support—food, lodging, clothes, etc.—from you;

(b) have less than \$600 in income during the year, unless he is under 19 or is a full-time student attending school or college at least 5 mos during the year;

(c) be related to you by blood (or to your wife in the event you file a joint return) or be a member of the household for the entire taxable year; and

(d) be a citizen of the U.S. or a resident alien.

Soc. Sec. benefit payments are not included in determining whether a dependent had an income of \$600 or more. They are included, however, in establishing whether he was dependent on you for more than 1/2 his support.

In determining whether you provide more than 1/2 the support of a child who is a full-time student, disregard funds and other assistance provided by scholarships. A child who goes to school at night and works full-time during the day does not qualify as a student to entitle you to a depend. Neither does enrollment in a correspondence school or employee-training program.

As a general rule, in the absence of a specific agreement to the contrary, a divorced parent who has custody of a child for the greater part of the year can claim the exemp even though the other parent contributes more than 1/2 the child's support. However, if the non-custodial parent contributes \$1,200 or more of support, the parent with custody of the child must prove payment of a greater amount for support in order to claim the deduct.

Returns must be filed for minor children in the event they had incomes of \$600 or more.

Interest credited to a minor child's sav account is considered income. However, if the parent opened the account in his own name "in trust for" the child, int. must be included in the parent's return, and not the child's.

## A NEW ANNUAL GROUND COVER



Bright red Polka Dot(s) in the center of single white flowers distinguish this myrtle or vinca from others. They are the reason for its name. Low growing, wide spreading plants make it a "natural" for extensive ground cover use.

Ground cover plants with attractive flowers are not common. That's why the All-America Selections bronze medal winner Polka Dot, a procumbent vinca or myrtle, will prove to be so popular.

It's easy to grow from seeds, performs equally well when planted in full sun or light shade, is not fussy about soil, and plants form such solid mats that weeds cease to be a problem.

Also, since it's an annual and not a perennial, it can be used in areas such as where you plan paving for another year but need a ground cover for just this one year.

The little plants grow straight upward to a 3 inch height. Then they grow outward, creeping gradually until each plant forms a mat, 2 feet across. Thus a spacing closer than 2 feet will result in a complete covering of the area with glossy, dark green leaves.

Seemingly to lie flat on top of the foliage are the flowers—single, white with bright red "eyes". Sometimes so many are open at once that the green foliage is hardly noticeable.

The characteristics described make Polka Dot not only a desirable ground cover but useful in window boxes, hanging baskets, rock gardens and as a wide edging for a path, driveway or lawn area.

A New York businessman had so many troubles and worries that he went to a psychiatrist. "Just lie there on the couch," the doctor told him, "and say anything that comes to your mind." The patient couldn't think of anything to say, and lay in silence for an hour. "Your time is up," the doctor said. "That will be \$60, please. I get a dollar a minute whether you talk or not." The business man paid.

Two days later the businessman was back for another visit, but again he spent the hour in silence, and at the end he shelled out another \$60. In a few days he was back again. Halfway through this session he finally broke his silence. "Can I ask a question, Doctor?"

"What is it?"  
"I was just wondering. Is any part of this business for sale?"



## Many Jobs in Mass. Industries

BOSTON — Want a top job with industry? Plenty of them are available in Mass., according to the Jan. issue of "Industry" magazine, and they range from openings of nuclear engineers at \$25,000 a year to those for \$3.50-an-hour machinists and electronic assemblers who need only H.S. degrees and in many cases would be offered on-the-job training.

"Industry", monthly publication of Assoc. Industries of Mass., conducted a survey of companies and printed the results in a special pull-out supplement, which also is being distributed to schools and employment offices throughout the state.

The survey covered employment needs of 120 major companies in the areas of college and professional training, technical, semi-professional and skilled, and H.S. or trade school levels of entrance.

Chief A.I.M. Economist Walter P. Klein said that with the tight labor market, the vast majority of firms indicated a willingness to undertake the expense of training and further educating their workforce.

"83% of the firms responding indicated that some form of on-the-job training, at one or more levels, is available for starting employees" he said. "85% said their companies were willing to rebate all or part of tuition costs for further ed."

The supplement lists the name and address of the firm, its personnel manager, types of jobs open, educational or training required, salary range and such related info as whether or not job training is offered and where job interviews are conducted.

College grads with tech training are greatly in demand, according to Klein: "If you can't be, or don't want to be an engineer, be a chemist or draftsman," he said. "That is, if you want to be heavily courted by industry in Mass."

Close behind was the demand for printers, accountants, machinists and machine operators. For those seeking a sales or marketing career, the going may be a bit tougher unless they have some technical backup knowledge, he said.

Mechanical eng. assoc with 2 year degree are in heavy demand, along with electronic tech. and draftsmen.

"At the H.S. recruiting level, the general category of machinist-machine shop ability far outpaced all other categories," Klein reports.

For those with office skills, the big demand currently is for clerk-typists and secretaries—in that order. Almost all—99%—of personnel managers questioned indicate that they rely to some extent on emp. agencies to fill openings. Of these 71% said they pay the agency fee themselves, while another 8% pay a portion of it for the new employee. Some companies reported paying current employees as much as a \$250 bonus for recommending a successful new clerical or technical employee.

A.I.M. has distributed more than 5,000 of the supplements to vocational high schools and state employment offices at no charge.

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## Expo Boston '76 Unnecessary Expense Luxury, says ALA

BOSTON — The ALA said today that the Mass. taxpayer can "ill-afford the luxury of paying for Expo Boston '76."

"The ALA agrees that Boston is the logical site for any bicentennial celebration of the birth of America and, in principle, it would be good to have it held here. However, the overburdened Mass. taxpayer must not be asked to pay the expected millions of dollars necessary to bring the World's Fair here," said ALA Gen. Manager David Thibodeau.

"Expo Boston '76 must be classed as a luxury for the state. The last thing Mass. can afford, in view of present and future taxes, is an expensive, unnecessary luxury. If a new method of financing the celebration can be found which excludes Mass. citizens, we're all for it."

"We have only to read the Governor's budget message with its proposed new taxes, as well as similar proposals for the city of Boston, to realize such an additional expense represents frosting on the cake when the state can't even afford the cake," Thibodeau stated.

"The Expo Boston '76 com. hopes that the fed. gov't will pick up 50% of the Fair's cost with the remainder falling on the state and the city of Boston."

"When money appropriation bills for the Fair are presented to the Mass. legislature, it must ask itself if this is the best possible use to which additional tax monies can be put. The leg. must, in the interest of economic sanity, say 'No'. We feel the Mass. taxpayers will back them up," Thibodeau said.

## American Legion

The next meeting of Wilson-Thompson Unit No. 185 will be held at the Legion Home on Mon., Feb. 3 at 8:00 P.M. Plans will be discussed for the Feb. Post and Unit joint Social.

Orders are being taken for personal Auxiliary memo calendars for the benefit of the Scholarship fund. These calendars bear the official auxiliary seal and will be effective for 2 yrs. starting July 1, 1969. Orders may be placed with Mrs. Wilma Gillan or at an Aux. meeting.

Treasurer Gladys Catchepaugh has available tickets for the County Director's Banquet on Sat. March 8 at Post Home No. 452 on Exchange Street in Chicopee. Dinner will be served at 6:30 followed by dancing. County Director Judy Cowles and her officers will be honored at this time. President Gladys Belcher plans to represent Agawam Unit at this affair.

Mrs. Belcher gave her report of the Joint New Year's Party at the last Unit meeting and asked that the Auxiliary's share of the profit be placed in the General Fund.

Mrs. Wilma Gillan represented the Unit at the Agawam Council for the Aging's recent meeting. She will serve on the Transportation Committee for that group.

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court  
To all persons interested in the estate of WILLIAM ALFRED PORTER, JR. late of Agawam, in said County, deceased, intestate.

A petition has been presented to said Court for license to sell — at private sale — certain real estate of said deceased.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the fourteenth day of February 1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this eighth day of January 1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.  
Jan. 16, 23, 30

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court  
To all persons interested in the estate of JOSEPH J. DURANT late of Agawam in said County, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that JEAN ALBANO of Springfield in the County of Hampden be appointed administratrix of said estate without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in the County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the twenty-first day of February 1969, the return day of this citation.

Witness, ABRAHAM I. SMITH, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this sixteenth day of 1969.

JOHN J. LYONS, Register.  
Jan. 30, Feb. 6, 13

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden SS Probate Court  
To all persons interested in the estate of FAYETTE M. BROWN late of Agawam in said County of Hampden, deceased.

A petition has been presented to said Court for probate of a certain instrument purporting to be the last Will of said deceased by CHARLOTTE A. BROWN of said Agawam praying that she be appointed executrix thereof without giving a surety on her bond.

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Springfield, in said County of Hampden, before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the eleventh day of February 1969, the return day of this citation.

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by MARTHA GLAUBER SHAPP, Editor, The New Book of Knowledge

How fast does heat travel through metal?

The speed at which a metal conducts heat varies in different metals. You can demonstrate this using metal rods, thumbtacks, Vaseline and a source of heat (light bulb). Dip the heads of the thumbtacks in Vaseline and hold them against the side of one of the metal rods so that the tacks will "stick" to the rod. Stick several tacks along the rod, and measure the distance between them. The tacks should be the same distance apart on



every metal rod you test. Place one end of the rod on the bulb. As heat travels along the rod it will melt the Vaseline and the tacks will drop off. Note the time that each tack drops off. Repeat the experiment using rods of different metals (copper,

aluminum, steel, brass), but of the same thickness. What material conducts heat the fastest?

How can you make an invisible ink?

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MON.: bf. veg. stew, car. sticks, cheese muf. & B&B, org. jello w/top., TUES.: org. ju., gril. hm. & cheese sand., but. gr. beans, pot. chips, spicy prune ck. w/ice. WED.: ju., prk. mt. balls in gravy, whip. pot., crnbry. sc., but. peas & carr., B&B, choco. cookies, THURS.: ju., chick. pie w/bis. top., but. corn, PB & jelly sand., van. pud. w/fruit top. FRI.: bk. beans, cole slaw w/grat. car., but. corn bread, cheese fingers, pineapple tidbits.

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MON.: ju., mt. ball grind. w/sc., but. gr. beans, cheese sticks, slic. peaches TUES.: turk. in gravy, mash. p t., but. broc., B&B, crnbry. sc., ice cream, WED.: cit. ju., hmbg. on roll, cat. but. car., pot. chips, but. ck. w/fudge sc., THURS.: el. mac. w/mt. sc., but. beans, B&B, fruit cup, FRI.: ju., gril. cheese sand., PB sand., tos. gr. salad w/spin., blueberry ck. w/but. frost.

JR. HIGH SCHOOL

MON.: ju., slop. joe on roll, but. car., slic. peaches, PB cookies, TUES.: ju., grind., pick. pot. chips, but. cookie, pineapple, WED.: ju., hmbg. on bun, but. corn, PB sand., fruit. cup, THURS.: ju., rst. turk. in gravy, mash. pot., car. & peas, B&B, ice cream, FRI.: ju., gril. cheese sand., hm. bk. beans, cab. & car. salad, pineapple upside, down, ck.

SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

MON.: hmbg. on roll, cand. swt. pot., but. peas, PB sand., gingerbrd. top., TUES.: org. ju., saus. grind., grad. salad w/tom. & spin. grns., PB sand., fruit cocktail WED.: org. ju., tst. hm. & cheese roll, pot. chips, but. corn, PB sand., lemon pie square, THURS.: el. mac. w/tom, cheese & mt. sc., but. gr. beans, B&B, pineapple crisp, FRI.: org. ju., frank on roll, must. & cat., bk. beans, PB sand., choco. ck. w/but. icing.

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